

December 18, 2008

## **The Life of Matthew T. Zimney**

• Matthew T. "Matt" Zimney, rural resident of Oologah, Okla., and formerly of Owasso, Okla., died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, in Claremore, Okla., at the age of 22 years. He was born March 1, 1986, in Miami, Florida, to Bobby D. and Nichole M. (Donnelly) Zimney. He was reared and educated in Owasso, Okla., and graduated with the Owasso High School Class of 2005. He completed his education attending Oklahoma State University where he earned his Associates Degree in Applied Science. He spent most of his working life as an equipment operator, most recently with Skylight Dirt Works. He was a member of St. Henrys Catholic Church in Owasso. He enjoyed a variety of pastimes including hunting, fishing, bonfires, and being outdoors. He liked working with his hands and had a passion for



mechanics. He also enjoyed law enforcement work and listening to the police scanner. He was a fan of watching John Wayne movies and country music.

• He is survived by his parents, Bob and Nikki Zimney, of Owasso; two brothers, Travis Zimney, of Orlando, Fla., and Craig Patton, of Dallas, Texas; a sister, Ilsa Blaney, of Fairfax, Va.; three aunts, Shelley Mitchell, of Miami, Fla., Joan Ochoa, of Miami, Fla., and Sheryl Arneson, of Aberdeen; and three uncles, Paul Donnelly, of Miami, Fla., Barry Zimney, of Rapid City, and Rick Zimney, of Papillion, Neb.; and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

• He was a grandson of the late Doris Zimney who resided in Groton.

• A funeral mass was held Monday, Dec., 15, 2008, at St. Henry's Catholic Church with Father Richard Bradley officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (COPS) in Memory of Matthew T. "Matt" Zimney, P.O. Box 3199, Camdenton, Missouri 65020, [www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org)